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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS:	Salem, G.F., et. al)	PATENT APPLICATION
)	CONFIRMATION NO.: 7805
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APPLICATION NO.:	10/051,002)	GROUP ART UNIT: 1711
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FILED:	January 22, 2002)	EXAMINER: Acquah, S.A
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FOR:	Attrition Resistant Inorganic)	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.:
	Microspheroidal Particles)	37,298
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW FROM ISSUE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.313, Applicant respectfully petitions the Office to withdraw the application from issue. Withdrawal is necessary to enable the Examiner to consider a reference previously submitted with an Information Disclosure Statement filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 – 1.98.

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REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 21 – 44 are pending in the application. All claims are considered allowable and a Notice of Allowance And Fee(s) Due has been issued. Applicants have not yet paid the issue fee. Instead, Applicants submit this Petition to withdraw the application from issue. Applicants submit the following good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary to withdraw the application from issue.

Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 – 98 by mail on January 15, 2004. Copies of the IDS and transmitting letter are attached. Applicants submitted a post card to be returned upon receipt by the Office of Applicants' IDS. Applicants did not receive the stamped post card.

Thereafter, on February 18, 2004, the Office mailed the Notice of Allowance. The Notice of Allowance does not indicate that the Examiner considered the reference submitted with the IDS. Applicants contacted the Examiner to inquire whether the Examiner received the IDS and considered the reference. The Examiner apparently did not receive the IDS and so did not consider the reference. Applicants submit it is necessary for the Examiner to consider the reference cited with the IDS to complete the examination of the application.

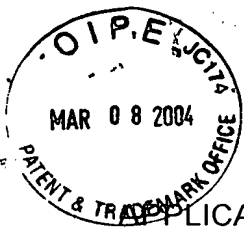
Applicants' Petition must be accompanied by the fee (\$130) set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(h). Applicants submit herewith PCT Form 2038 for payment of the fee. Any additional fee that may be required or any credit for overpayment may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-0528.

Applicants submit they have presented good and sufficient reasons why withdrawal of the application is necessary. Accordingly, Applicants that their Petition be granted in order that the Examiner review the art cited in the IDS and complete the examination of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97-1.98, Applicant submits the published document identified in the enclosed form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Patent and Trademark Office in the examination of the above-identified patent application. The document was cited in an official action issued by the Intellectual Property Bureau of the Ministry of Economic Affairs in Taiwan, R.O.C. The action was issued December 18, 2003. A legible copy of the document is enclosed.

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